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Applicant: Paul Lapstun and Kia Silverbrook  
Application. Title: Video Player With Code Sensor  
Examiner/GAU: Thai Q. Tran/2616

Dated August 31, 2005  
At: Balmain, NSW  
Docket No. NPS015US

**REPLY**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, District of Columbia 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of July 27, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**35 USC 103(a) Rejections**

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of pending independent claims 1 and 9, and claims 2-8 and 10-19 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by previously cited Ellis in view of newly cited Mori (JP 402252154); for at least the following reasons.

In response to the claim rejections over Ellis raised by the Examiner in the first Office Action of March 22, 2005, the Applicant amended independent claims 1 and 9 to make it clear that in the claimed invention the sensor is built into the body of the video player so that the player itself may be used to sense the printed coded data and output audio/visual material from the data, thus alleviating the disclosed problems of conventional video players.

Independent claims 1 and 9 as amended have been accepted by the Examiner as distinguishing over Ellis in the present Office Action. However, the Examiner now cites Mori contending that the combined teachings of Ellis and Mori provide the video player and method of the pending claims. The Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Mori discloses a system in which a handheld image scanner 1 is provided for scanning handwritten characters or barcodes on an input sheet 16 (see Figs. 1 and 5). The scanned information is communicated to the timer picture recording unit 8 via a cable 6 connected to the unit 8 at connector 7 (see abstract and cols. 7 and 8 of Mori). Thus, contrary to the Examiner's contention, the image scanner 1, and image sensor 5 thereof, of Mori is not incorporated into the body of the unit 8.